

was without inward guidance His  
 departmental heads—  
 for whom he had the respect he always sho\\s  
 to a \\orkman  
 or professional man trained for a job—\\ere  
 urfortunat eh  
 apt to underline rather than compensate  
 this deficient  
 and he and they were usually in substantial  
 agreement

In general, however, his period of office was  
 marked b\\  
 many useful and progressive Colonial  
 admrnistratue achie\\e-  
 ments Thus, he was responsible for the long  
 and tedious  
 but successful negotiations in connection  
 with the Iraq  
 treaty and the preparation for Iraq's  
 emergence from its  
 Mandatory position Although he,  
 characteristically and  
 rightly, gave the lion's share of the credit to Sir  
 Francis

Humphries, our High Commissioner in Iraq,  
 and to the ven  
 able Colonial Office Official who chiefly  
 managed the  
 business at this end, he himself constantly  
 supei\\ised the  
 proceedings and is entitled to a considerable  
 measure of  
 credit for the fact that Iraq is now a member  
 of the League  
 of Nations, and on the best of terms \\ith  
 Great Britain  
 Again, the White Paper on *Native Policy in East  
 Africa* (cmd  
 3573)—h<sup>ls</sup> own handiwork, as any student of its  
 phiasmg  
 will discern—was an important and memorable  
 document

In it he re-stated the British position on  
 trusteeship, pre-  
 viously set out by the Duke of Devonshire in  
 1923 and by  
 Mr Amery in 1927 His statement aroused  
 criticism b> the  
 Kenya settlers and others, who did not like the  
 phrase

"paramountcy of native interests "

General Hertzog, Prime Minister of South  
 Africa, \\hose  
 own native policy has been a deep

disappointment to  
enlightened world opinion, rushed into the  
fraud and made  
the surprising suggestion that South Africa  
should have  
been consulted before the White Paper was  
issued. This,  
despite the fact that no British Government  
had been  
consulted by the Union Government when  
important  
departures from traditional British policy in  
former British  
territories were taking place, and that Britain  
was respon-